

Resume

JENS WENDELBOE

Trombonist, Composer, Arranger, Conductor, Instructor

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EDUCATION

Manhattan School of Music. New York, N.Y. Master in Composition and Film Scoring, 1985

Royal Academy of Music. Oslo, Norway. Bachelor Degree – Classical Trombone, 1979

Individual Study with Don Sebesky (Film Score), Dennis Wick (Trombone), Michael Gibbs (Composition), Ed Green (Film Score), Bill Watrous (Trombone), Arild Jensen (Trombone)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION FOR COMPOSITIONS AND PERFORMING

Norwegian Association for Popular Authors: for Creating 35 original jazz tunes into iReal Pro playlist. 2017

The Norwegian Composers Fund, For composing a 1h. concert for Brass Quintet and Vocal. 2016

American Music Center (AMC), For recorded arrangements of US Jazz composers, 2009

The “**Lys Music Composition Contest**” 2nd. Prize for Jazz Orchestrata, Belgium 2003.

Norwegian Composers Foundation, Scholarship, 1986, 1993, 1997, 1998, 1999.

2000-2002, Scholarship to write a symphony. 2016, Brass Quintet.

Norwegian Fund for Performing Artist, stipend 1990, 1996, 1999.

TONO, stipend 1990, 1996, 2010.

Norwegian Association for Popular Authors: Prize of the Year for Best Composition, 1982, 1986, 1996. Grant 2017 Music Minus one project.

Barga Jazz '92, 2nd Prize, International Arr. & Composition competition for Jazz Orch., Italy

Danish Broadcasting Orch., Denmark Radio Cup, 1988 & 1989 for original classical compositions.

The Municipality of Oslo, Oslo City Cultural Stipend, 1986.

Norwegian Composers Union, Anders Klæstads Scholarship, 1984.

TEACHING

Jackson State Community College, Adjunct online professor of Music, 2013-present.

Private Students: Trombone or Composing, Wilton, CT. and online, 2002-present.

Hanover Park High School, NJ. Taught performers “Master class” Guest director Jazz Ens. 2003

Wilton High School, Wilton, CT. Taught “Master Classes” on occasion, 2006-2007

Weston High School, Weston, CT. Taught “Master Classes” on occasion, 2002-2010

Augustana College, Judge for high school band competition, Sioux Falls, S.D. 2000

Royal Academy of Music, Prof. in arranging and composition, Oslo, 1990-94

Royal Academy of Music, Supervisor of the Jazz Department, taught “music philosophy”, “styles and analysis”, instructed jazz ensembles and participated in international exchange programs, Oslo, 1985-87.

Employed on a freelance basis to provide: individual trombone tutoring, musical direction for amateur and senior jazz ensembles and big bands, seminars in improvisation, arranging, and taking care of your music business.

ALBUMS

The following CD's represent original compositions of Jens Wendelboe

- 1) Jens Wendelboe with **A Nordic Sound** "Against All Odds" 2021
- 2) **Norwegian Radio Symphony Orchestra** "Erobreren" (The Conqueror")
- 3) **Big Crazy Energy New York Band** "Fresh Heat" 2012
- 4) **Big Crazy Energy New York Band** "Inspirations" 2010
- 5) **A Look Inside** Recorded and conducted a double CD with all my compositions for the army band of Norway.
- 6) **Logos**, composer, conductor, trombonist, producer. Symphony orch. Rhythm sect. Gospel choir over the gospel of Johannes. (Church music), 2000.
- 7) **Classical Works of Jens Wendelboe** (not for sale, promo only), 1999.
- 8) **Get Crazy with the Crazy Energy Jazz Quartet**, composer, trombonist, Oslo, 1999.
- 9) **Strolling with the Groove**, composer, arranger, conductor, trombonist, Oslo, 1997.
- 10) **Crazy Energy Jazz Quartet**, trombone, Oslo, 1997.
- 11) **Jens Wendelboe Big Crazy Energy Band II**, composer, conductor, arr., Producer, soloist, 1993.
- 12) **Jens Wendelboe Big Crazy Energy Band I**, composer, conductor, arr., Producer, soloist, 1991.
- 13) **Letter From New York**, composer, conductor, arranger, producer, New York, 1985.
- 14) **Lone Attic**, composer, conductor, arranger, producer, Oslo, 1982

Recent Producing/Orchestrating work:

- Produced, arranged and performed on CD for Israeli TV Personality, Rafi Ginat, 2015 & 2017
- Produced songs for future CD of Recording artist, Meg Dunn, 2004
- "REAL THING DELUXE" Conducted and co-produced. No.2 bestselling jazz record in Norway 2000.

"ONE DAY" Orchestrated for Sissel Kyrkjebø (best seller in Europe) 2000.

Misc. recordings with David Foster, Jimmy Webb, Roger Nichols, Barry Mann, Cynthia Weil, Bruce Roberts

Recording artist and arranger on over 50 classical, fusion, top 40, jazz and rock & roll recordings.

Arranger on recordings for the Monroes and Bobbysocks (best sellers).

FILM/TV SCORES

The Conqueror, 6 hour TV miniseries 2011

The Guiding Light, background music, 2004

Norwegian Labor Union, 30 minutes music for historical/documentary film, Oslo, 1990

Citadel, 30 minutes music for industrial video, Oslo, 1990

Lamin, 30 minutes music for award winning novella film, Norwegian Broadcasting (NRK), 1988

Composed numerous jingles both acoustic and electronic.

THEATRE

On Your Feet (trombone sub) Broadway (NYC) 2016/17

Hair Spray and **The Producers** (trombone sub) Broadway (NYC) 2003-to end of run
Orchestrated "Mary Poppins" 2003

White Tie And Tails, Tommy Tune Little Schubert Theatre on Broadway (trombone) 2002-03

Damenes Aften (Ladies Night Out), Orchestrated Show at the Chat Noir Theatre, Oslo, 1998, 99, 2000. Tremendous Success. (conductor & trombone).

Chorus Line, Chateau Neuf, Oslo, 1983-84 (trombone), 1996 (conductor).

Tommy Tune – Moonlighting, Rich Forum, Stamford, CT. 1993 and 2002 (trombone).

Phantom of the Opera, The Norwegian Theatre, Oslo, 1990 (conductor).

Jesus Christ Superstar, The Norwegian Theatre, Oslo, 1990 (conductor & trombone).

Les Miserables, The Norwegian Theatre, Oslo, 1988 (conductor & bass trombone).

Mame, Connecticut Broadway Theatre, CT.

Fiddler on the Roof, The Norwegian Theatre, Oslo, 1987 (trombone).

No Other Time, No Other Place, The Norwegian Theatre, Oslo, 1986 (conductor).

Cats, The Norwegian Theatre, Oslo 1985/86 (trombone).

Romeo & Juliet, The Norwegian Theatre, Oslo, 1985 (trombone).

West Side Story, The Norwegian Theatre, Oslo, 1982,86 (trombone).

JAZZ

A Nordic Sound, Musical Director, composer, arranger, trombonist for this Jazz Ensemble, 2015

Westchester Jazz Orchestra, Orchestrator and trombone sub upon request, 2004-present.

Big Crazy Energy Band, monthly concert with own compositions at Serafina, New York 2001 & 2004 Arts & Ideas Festival, New Haven CT.

Oriental Hotel, Bangkok Soloed with a jazz quartet 2000.

Bergen professional Big Band, Conducted and performed all own compositions 2000.

Asker Big Band Performed at Copenhagen Jazz House, 2000.

Soloist and Judge in **Augustana Jazz Big Band Competition Festival**, Souix Fall 1999.

Tour with **Crazy Energy Jazz Quartet** in Spain, 1997, Germany Sept. 1998, USA Jan. 1999.

Cruise with **Little Crazy Energy Band**, 12-piece band, on Cruiseship SS NORWAY, July 1998.

Molde International Jazz Festival 1992, Norway, Jens Wendelboe Big Crazy Energy Band

Asker Big Band, musical director 1985-present, performing also at Ronnie Scotts, London, 1988.

Norwegian Radio Big Band, conductor, principal & 2. trombonist, soloist, arranger, 1978-89,

Tom Pierson Big Band, with among others; A. Jackson, L. Soloff, J. Pugh, L. Marini. NY, 1985.

Harstad Jazz Festival, w/F. Tingnøes, H. Halvorsen, T. Nilsen, J. Wendelboe, Ø. Westby, 1985.

Jens Wendelboe Big Band, performing at "7th Avenue South", New York 1984-85. Performing at "Club 7", Oslo 1982-83.

Jazz Punk Ensemble at Voss Jazz Festival, Trombonist, Norway, 1980.

Toshiko Akioishi at Kongsberg Jazz Festival, Trombonist, Norway, 1980.

Trombone soloist on various assignments in clubs and concerts. Have soloed together with Slide Hampton, Phil Woods, Bill Watrous and Wayne André.

CLASSICAL COMPOSITIONS/Performing/Book

New Book: Trials and Trombonelations 2020

Orchestrating a 2 h Opera for Joel A. Martin 2019

“Piece for 2 Trombones and More” 2 Trombones and Chamber Orchestra 2015
Connecticut Revolutionary Brass Quintet, Trombonist, 2015

Norwegian Radio Symphony Orchestra, Permanent stand-in on Principal 1 & 2 Trombone.

Arranger on various classical and light pieces for chamber ensembles to symphony orchestra. Frequent Guest on various Radio Programs

Composed: "Pagina", "The Opposite of One", plus prize winning
"Modus Vivendi", "H2O" and "Winterlandscape".

“Abra Kadabra Sim Sala Bim” for Marching band, 2004

“Connect The Dots” for concert band, 2004

“Hybridisation” in 4 Movements, Marimba/ Vibraphone & Chamber orchestra

“Gloria Arborum” in 5 Movements, Church Organ, Concert Band, Choir & 4 Vocals

“Latin Suite” in 6 Movements, Concert Band, Rhythm Section & Vocals

“Frank’s Funky World” in 8 Movements, Concert Band, Rhythm section & Vocals

“Symphony #1” in 3 Movements.”

Composed, orchestrated, conducted and performed both in concerts and on the CD recording of “LOGOS”. This is a one-hour piece of music composed for Gospel choir, symphony orchestra, rhythm section, horn section, four solo singers and a reader, based on the gospel of Johannes.

Composed a concert for three Marimbas. **“Reflection Of Style”.**

PERFORMING, ARRANGING AND CONDUCTING

Top Brasssss, co-founder of All Star band with former members of Chicago, Tower of Power, and Blood, Sweat & Tears,

Recorded with Jeff Lorber on 2 CDs

Blood Sweat & Tears, Trombonist, 2006-2014

Donna Summer, Musical Director and trombonist, 1991-2013. Conductor on tour 1993-1995, and 2004-2012. (Carnegie Hall, US, Europe, Caribbean, Latin America, Japan).

Other Highlights: 2009 Nobel Peace Prize concert for President Obama, Including conducting Houston & Nashville Symphony Orchestra, “Tribute to Donna Summer”

Madison Square Garden KTU, 2003 Conducted and Arranged music., The New York

Restoration Project. Conducted and performed for Bette Midler & Donna Summer 2003,

Morocco, private concert for his Majesty King Mohammed the 6th at his Palace New Years eve. 2002

Shanghai Symphony Orchestra, conducted and orchestrated at Expo 2010

Westbury Music Fair, performed with The Dells, Johnny Mathis, Connie Francis, Neil Sedaka, Jerry Vale, Paul Anka, Frankie Valli

The Norwegian Radio Symphony, Conducting a big televised Disco show 2011,12,13 & 14 and a 2 ½ hour Symphony score for a 6 hour film “The Conqueror” 2011.

Guest conductor, orchestrator and trombonist/solist in seven different productions such as: CD recording, Film recording, Children event, popular musical and jazz concerts with among others alto saxophonist Peter King.

Norwegian Army bands, 2000 Conducted several concerts with original material in Norway.

The Ambassador Show, conductor and trombone soloing in Harstad, Norway, 1998/2000.

Celebration in the Square '92, Musical director for Paul Newman's Fundraising event for the "Hole in the Wall Gang" featuring Tony Bennett, Donna Summer, Neil Sedaka. Westport, Connecticut

TELEVISION PERFORMING AND ORCHESTRAL BACKING OF WELL KNOWN ARTISTS

"Star Fight", Big band and vocal judge on popular TV contest, Norwegian Radio Broadcasting Corporation (NRK), 2011-2016

"The Evening Before the Eve" a Christmas TV extravaganza, NRK, 2013, 2014, Conductor, Musical Director, arranger.

"150 Year Anniversary of Norwegian Railroad", NRK, 2004, Conductor, Musical Director, arranger.

"Ladies and Gentlemen" a series of 10 TV shows about famous artists. 2002 Conductor, musical director, arranger.

"LOGOS" one hour TV show for 120 musicians on TV2 over the gospel of John Easter eve 2001. Momarkedet, live TV show; conductor, musical director, arranger, featuring among others int'l artists: Michael Bolton, Cliff Richards, Engelbert Humperdink. NRK. 1988, '89, '90, '91, '92, '93, '94, '95, '96, '97, '98, '99, 2000, 2001.

TV Telethon for Cancer 2000.

TV show **"The Blind Association 100 year Anniversary"** 2000.

TV "telethon" **SOS Children Villages"** 2000.

A Celebration of the '70's, MD & conductor for Donna Summer, NBC, Los Angeles, 1993.

Diamond Awards, musical director & conductor for Donna Summer, Netherlands, 1992.

TV cup final footballshow TV2, 1998.

Telethon, musical director, arranger for **12 hour telethon**. Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation (NRK), Oslo, 1992, 1994

Jens Wendelboe Big Crazy Energy Band, 40 minute music show, taped live. NRK, Oslo, 1991.

Lørdan, popular live Saturday night show (87% viewer ratings); house conductor, musical director, arranger. Featuring among others, Al Jarreau, Tanita Takaram, NRK, 1988-1991.

Spellemansprisen, Norwegian "Grammys", conductor, musical director, arr., NRK, '91, '93, '95.

Brageprisen, Norwegian Literary Awards, musical director & arranger, NRK '92 & '93.

European All Star Big Band, European Broadcasting Union, trombonist, EBU, Austria 1990.

Holmenkollen, live t.v. entertainment; conductor, musical director, arranger, NRK, '90, '93.

Amanda Price, live Film Award ceremony, house conductor, musical director, arranger, featuring int'l artists: Liv Ullman and Diana Ross, NRK 1986, 1987.

TV Soloist with own compositions on an internordic production, Finland, 1987.

Eurovision Song Contest, conductor & arr., for national & int'l competition, NRK, 1986.

Sopot Pop Festival, conductor and arranger for Finland's entrants, Poland, 1986.

Cesme Music Contest, conductor and arranger for Norway and Sweden, Turkey, 1986.

Trombone soloist and band member on studio and live shows, both classical & contemporary.

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Languages: Fluent in Norwegian, English, Danish, and German.

Computer: Proficient in Finale Music Notation Program, Word, Front Page

PERSONAL

A Small Hand Campaign, two day fundraiser for the international relief and development organization – Caritas Norway. Campaign Manager & Artistic Director, Oslo 1990.

Interests: sailing, travel, scuba diving, canoeing, dogs.

Legal status: Norwegian citizen with immigrant status in the United States of America.

Recommendations available upon request